

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
AT THE MASTIC BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT, 265 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD,
MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK AT 7:00PM**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Mayor Biondi with approximately 60 residents in attendance.

Mayor Biondi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call was taken by the Village Clerk.

In attendance: Mayor Biondi

Trustee Cappiello

Trustee Morrow

Trustee Bissonette

Deputy Mayor Stiriz

Also Present: Village Attorney Brian T. Egan, Esq.

Village Clerk Virgilia Gross

Mayor Biondi welcomed the residents and invited Inspector Neubauer, SCPD 7th Precinct Commander to report to the audience.

Inspector Neubauer reported that promotions have been made by County Executive Bellone, increasing staff at the 7th Precinct and that the sergeants and lieutenants positions are now filled. COPE Sgt. Wilkins will be in attendance at the Village's February meeting. Inspector Neubauer reported on crime stats for the village and precinct-wide, with the village's numbers in slight decline in most categories. Questions from residents were answered by Inspector Neubauer.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz with Trustee Morrow abstaining, it was RESOLVED to Accept the Minutes of the December 11, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello with Trustee Morrow abstaining, it was RESOLVED to Accept the Minutes of the December 11, 2012 Planning Board Public Hearing.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow with Deputy Mayor Stiriz Morrow abstaining, it was RESOLVED to Accept the Minutes of the December 19, 2012 Work Session.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Authorize the Payment of Presented Bills as per Abstract No. 08-2012 in the amount of \$189,440.01.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Set February 19, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as Village Grievance Day to be held at Village Hall, 427 Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach, New York.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Establish a Village Board of Ethics.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Accept the Final Report of the Village Zoning Commission.

Mayor Biondi introduced the members of the Zoning Commission. Chairman Hubschmitt thanked the Commission for working tirelessly in putting together the proposed zoning code and added a special thank you to Attorney Christopher Bianco, Jennifer Griffin and Village Clerk Gross for their help as well. Mr. Hubschmitt also thanked the residents for their attendance at the public hearings and for their input.

Mr. Warren Davis from Habitat for Humanity was introduced by Mayor Biondi; Mr. Davis stated that his organization is offering help to low and moderate income families that are in need of

home repair through a program called “Habitat Helps.” Applications were made available to the residents. Mayor Biondi thanked Mr. Davis for his offer to assist the residents.

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 230, FEMA Regulations

Village Attorney Brian Egan explained that Chapter 230 currently exists within the Village Code and is already in the code of the Town of Brookhaven. Changes in the flood plain management necessitate that the Village become a participating community or risk cancellation of residents flood insurance policies.

Mr. Jerry Frye of FEMA explained the necessity, especially with new construction along the shoreline. Mr. Frye personally welcomed the Village for becoming a member of the NFIP and that if a home sustains 50% or more of damage from flood or fire, the home will then have to come into compliance. Mr. Frye explained the eligibility for ICC and elevating of homes and that he will be in the community to assist Mr. Brojer.

Trustee Cappiello inquired as to the time frame for multiple residents interested in raising homes, with Mr. Frye stating that the grant process can take up to two years. Mr. Frye answered various questions from the residents and introduced Mr. Mike Klitski. Mr. Klitski stated that if passed, the local law would create a “quid pro quo” in that the village will be able to regulate construction in flood plain areas and that everyone will have an opportunity to purchase flood insurance. If the local law does not pass, the village would be sanctioned and residents will not be able to purchase flood insurance. The Suffolk County rating system would benefit the village by offering discounts from 5% to 45%.

Mayor Biondi reported that a New York State round table hearing was held and that the Village was the only municipality in Suffolk County to appear; Mayor Biondi stated at the meeting that the Village was in need of help and money and that the Board of Trustees are working hard to secure help for the residents. Mayor Biondi thanked the FEMA representatives for attending and assisting the residents.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Close the Public Hearing regarding amendment to Chapter 230 of the Village Code.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Adopt a Local Law of 2013 Amending Chapter 230 of the Village Code to reflect changes in FEMA Regulations.

Trustee Morrow reported the following for the Code Enforcement Department for the month of December:

- 131 Complaints received
- 20 Unfounded
- 11 Appearance Tickets issued
- 22 Closed by Compliance
- 41 Warnings issued

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 330-4, Signs

Attorney Egan explained the proposed amendment to Local Law amending Chapter 330-4, Signs. The floor was opened for public comment.

Jane Powers: Clarification regarding not-for-profit and civic applications of the proposed amendment.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Close the Public Hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 330-4.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz with Trustee Bissonette opposed, it was RESOLVED to Adopt a Local Law of 2013 Amending Chapter 330-4 of the Village Code regarding Signs.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz reported that the Village of mastic Beach was actively cleaning the wetlands and that hundreds of tons of debris has been removed to date; Suffolk County is doing a great job with the appropriate equipment and that piles 8-10" high of debris are being found behind overgrown phragmites.

Mayor Biondi met with Mr. Peter Scully of the DEC to discuss Sheep's Pen Creek, as three culverts have caved in; they are to be repaired within the next couple of weeks while the equipment is still in the village. Mayor Biondi also showed aerial photographs of the wash-over at Smith's Point and the subsequent flooding to the area; a two-year study is being planned on how to handle same.

Maureen DiMeo: Asked the residents to donate to St. Jude Outreach Program.

Jim Griffin: Stated that the sand is there that washed off of Fire Island and asked if there was a way to harvest and replace the dunes. Mr. Griffin also thanked the Mayor and Board of Trustees for an outstanding job after the storm. Mayor Biondi stated that the dune line needs to be replaced now and not later.

Susan Plunkett: Thanked the Mayor and the Board of Trustees for a tremendous job and that the village looks great. Mrs. Plunkett also shared her observation of dune building through the use of snow fencing.

Frank Fugarino: Asked if sand could be pulled from sand bars and creeks. Mayor Biondi stated that the two year dredge plan was over, and that we are no longer in "dredge season," but will call tomorrow to get answers to same.

Marsha Faison: Inquired as to the status of 87 Hemlock. LIPA and Suffolk County Water are to make sure utilities are off, and then structure will be demolished. The Village will give Ms. Faison at least one week notice of demolition.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Enter Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussions.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Re-Open the Regular Meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Upon motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Post the Position of Executive Assistant to the Village Administrator beginning on January 9, 2013 with said posting to remain through January 18, 2013.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Authorize the interim hiring of Susan J. Draghi as Executive Assistant to the Village Administrator on a per diem basis at an hourly rate of \$24.04 per hour until January 23, 2013, pending posting or superseding resolution.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End the Regular Meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgilia C. Gross
Village Clerk

Dated: January 14, 2013